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Youssef El Jaï appointed Head of the Media Arts Section of the Canada Council for the Arts

Ottawa, April 11, 2007 – The Canada Council for the Arts is pleased to announce that Youssef El Jaï has been appointed Head of the Media Arts Section, effective May 14.

Since 1995, Youssef El Jaï has held the position of director general of the media arts centre PRIM (Production et Réalisation Indépendante de Montréal), and he has been the vice-president of the board of the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec since 2003. He has an extensive background in the media arts, and has worked as a documentary maker, director, editor, cameraman or production director on fifteen video productions.

Mr. El Jaï studied literature at the Lycée Ibn Toumert in Casablanca, Morocco, and after earning a diploma in the humanities at the Collège Français de Montréal, he studied sociology at the Université du Québec à Montréal, followed by studies in scriptwriting, directing, editing and production.

Mr. El Jaï is replacing David Poole, who is retiring after having been Head of the Media Arts Section of the Canada Council for the Arts since 1998.

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